

# Senate Study Bill 3183

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to efforts to develop public and private  
2 partnerships for economic development by implementing high=  
3 quality early care services throughout the state.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 PUBLIC=PRIVATE  
1 2 PARTNERSHIPS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY CARE.  
1 3 1. FINDINGS. The general assembly finds all of the  
1 4 following in regard to the relationship between economic  
1 5 development efforts and early care services:  
1 6 a. That strong economic growth cannot occur or be  
1 7 maintained without a strong early care and education system  
1 8 that begins at birth and continues into older ages.  
1 9 b. That investments in high=quality early care services  
1 10 will save significant costs by avoiding the future need for  
1 11 extensive special education, criminal justice, public  
1 12 assistance, and child welfare services.  
1 13 c. That Iowa has a wide variety of investors in early care  
1 14 services, ranging from parents to federal and state  
1 15 governments and the private sector.  
1 16 d. That the state's economic development and early care  
1 17 service system can be greatly improved by supporting public  
1 18 and private partnerships dedicated to enhancing the early care  
1 19 service system.  
1 20 2. PUBLIC POLICY. The Iowa empowerment board, the  
1 21 community empowerment office, and the community empowerment  
1 22 assistance team shall give priority to supporting efforts at  
1 23 the state and community empowerment area levels to build  
1 24 public=private partnerships for economic development through  
1 25 enhancing early care services.  
1 26 3. BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE. a. The Iowa empowerment board  
1 27 shall establish a blue ribbon public=private partnership  
1 28 committee to develop a framework for building integrated,  
1 29 high=quality early care systems in all areas of the state.  
1 30 The blue ribbon committee shall be directed to report to the  
1 31 board, the governor, and the general assembly regarding the  
1 32 framework and other findings and recommendations on or before  
1 33 December 15, 2006.  
1 34 b. The membership of the blue ribbon committee shall  
1 35 include but is not limited to all of the following:  
2 1 (1) The directors of the departments of economic  
2 2 development, education, human rights, human services, and  
2 3 public health, or their designees.  
2 4 (2) Representatives of small, medium, and large private  
2 5 sector employers.  
2 6 (3) Representatives of religious and nonprofit  
2 7 organizations that provide services to young children.  
2 8 (4) School superintendents from both rural and urban  
2 9 areas.  
2 10 (5) Public school educators who work with kindergarten=age  
2 11 and younger children.  
2 12 (6) Parents who are involved with school organizations  
2 13 such as the parent=teacher association.  
2 14 c. The chairperson of the blue ribbon committee shall be  
2 15 an individual who is strongly interested in improving the

2 16 quality of life of children from birth through age five and  
2 17 who has experience in working with private and public funding  
2 18 sources.

2 19 d. The committee's deliberations and recommendations shall  
2 20 include but are not limited to all of the following:

2 21 (1) Identifying the types of programs that are best for  
2 22 improving the quality of early care.

2 23 (2) A strategy for blending child care and preschool into  
2 24 a seamless system.

2 25 (3) A best approach for identifying standards and quality  
2 26 in early care services.

2 27 (4) A strategy for blending funding for early care  
2 28 services from the public sector and the private sector,  
2 29 including but not limited to the funding provided by  
2 30 businesses and individual families.

2 31 (5) An approach for committing funding designated for  
2 32 economic development to early care, including but not limited  
2 33 to funding from the vision Iowa program, the grow Iowa values  
2 34 fund, and similar sources.

2 35 (6) A strategy for community empowerment area boards to  
3 1 develop and implement local public-private partnership  
3 2 networks and apply for state early care services and private  
3 3 funding to implement innovative programming, or to be able to  
3 4 apply for competitive grants to enhance the partnership  
3 5 networks. The committee shall give consideration to adapting  
3 6 the smart start approach utilized in North Carolina.

3 7 (7) A best process for evaluating early care services on  
3 8 an annual or other periodic basis.

3 9 e. Staff and administrative support for the blue ribbon  
3 10 committee shall be provided by the community empowerment  
3 11 office and the community empowerment assistance team.

3 12 f. This subsection is repealed July 1, 2007.

3 13 EXPLANATION

3 14 This bill relates to efforts to develop public and private  
3 15 partnerships for economic development by implementing through  
3 16 the community empowerment initiative high-quality early care  
3 17 services throughout the state. The term "early care" is  
3 18 defined in Code chapter 28 as the programs, services, support,  
3 19 or other assistance made available to a parent or other person  
3 20 who is involved with addressing the health and educational  
3 21 needs of a child from birth through age five and includes both  
3 22 public and private efforts and formal and informal settings.

3 23 New Code section 28.11 provides legislative findings  
3 24 regarding the importance of early care in promoting economic  
3 25 development. The Iowa empowerment board, the community  
3 26 empowerment office, and the community empowerment assistance  
3 27 team are required to give priority to supporting efforts at  
3 28 the state and community empowerment area levels to build  
3 29 public-private partnerships for economic development through  
3 30 enhancing early care services.

3 31 The Iowa empowerment board is required to create a blue  
3 32 ribbon public-private partnership committee to develop a  
3 33 framework for building integrated, high-quality early care  
3 34 systems in all areas of the state. The blue ribbon committee  
3 35 is required to report to the board, the governor, and the  
4 1 general assembly regarding the framework on or before December  
4 2 15, 2006. Various interests are specified for membership on  
4 3 the blue ribbon committee, and certain topics are identified  
4 4 for the committee's deliberations and recommendations. The  
4 5 provision addressing the blue ribbon committee is repealed  
4 6 July 1, 2007.

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